His Pa Mortifled.

"What was the health officer doing over to your house this morning?" said the grocery man to the bad by, as the youth was firing frozen potatoes at the man who collects garbage in the alley. "O, they are searching for sewer gas

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and such things, and they have got plumbers and other society experts till you can't rest, and I came away for fear

"Well, in nine cases out of ten they would hit it right, but what do you think is the trouble over to your house,

"S-h-h! Now don't breath a word of it to a living soul, or I am a dead boy. You see I was over at the fair at the exposition building Saturday night, and when they were breaking up, me and my chum helped to carry boxes of cheese and firkins of butter, and a cheese man gave each of us a piece of limburger cheese, wrapped up in tin foil. Sunday morning I opened my piece, and it made me tired. O, it was the awfulest smell I ever heard of, except the smell when they found a tramp who hung himself in the woods on the Whitefish Bay road, and had been dead three weeks. It was just like an old back number funeral. Pa and ma were just getting ready to go to church, and I cut off a piece of cheese and put it in the inside pocket of pa's vest, and I put another in the lining of ma's muff, and they went to church. I went down to church too, and sat on a back seat with my chum, looking just as pious as though I was taking up a collection. The church was pretty warm, and by the time they got up to sing the first hymn pa's cheese began to smell a match against ma's cheese. Pa held one side of the hymn book and ma held the other, and pa he always sings for all that is out, and when he braced himself and sang "Just as I am," ma thought pa's voice was tinctured with biliousness and she looked at him and hunched him and told him to stop singing and breathe through his nose, 'cause his breath was enough to stop a clock. Pa stopped singing and turned around kind of cross towards me, and then he smelled ma's cheese, and he turned his head the other way and said 'whew,' and they didn't sing any more, but they looked at each other as though they smelled frowy. When they sat down they sat as far apart as they could get, and Pa sat next to a woman who used to be a nurse in a hospital, and when she smelled pa's cheese she looked as though she thought he had the small pox and she held her handkerchief to her nose. The man in the other end of the pew, that ma sat near, he was a and they got up to sing again, the man took his hat and went out, and when he went by me he said something in a whisper about a female glue factory. Well, sir, before the sermon was over everybody in that part of the church had their handkerchiefs to their noses, and they looked at pa and ma scandalous, and the two ushers they come around in the pews looking for a dog, and when the minister got over his sermon, and wiped the perspiration off his face, he said he would like to have the trustees of the church stay after meeting, as there was business of importance to transact. He said the question of proper ventilation and sewerage for the church would be brought up, and that he presumed the congregation had noticed this morning that the church was unusually full of sewer gas. He said he had spoken of the matter before, and expected it would be attended to before this. He said he was a meek and humble follower of the Lamb, and was willing ao cast his lot wherever the Master decided, but he would be blessed if he would preach any longer in a church that smelled like a bone boiling establishment. He said religion was a good thing, but no person could enjoy religion as well in a fat rending establishment as he could in a flower garden, and as far as he was concerned, he had got enough. Everybody looked at everybody else, and pa looked at ma as though he knew where the sewer gas came from, and ma looked at pa real mad, and me and my chum lit out, and I went home and distributed my cheese all around. I put a slice in ma's bureau drawer, down under her underclothes, and a piece in the spare room, under the bed, and a piece in the bath room, in the soap dish, and a slice in the album on the parlor table, and a piece in the library in a book, and I went to the dining room and put some under the table, and dropped a piece under the range in the kitchen. I tell you the house was loaded for bear. Ma came home from church first, and when I asked where pa was, she said she hoped he had gone to walk around a block to air hisself. Pa came home to dinner, and when he got a smell of the house he opened all the doors, and ma put a comfortable around her shoulders and told pa he was a disgrace to civilization. She tried to get pa to drink some carbolic acid. Pa finally convinced ma that it was not him, and then they decided that it was the house that smelled so, as well as the church, and all Sunday afternoon they went visiting, and this morning pa went down to the health

office and got the inspector of nuisances

to come up to the house, and when he smelled around a spell he said there was

dead rats in the main sewer pipe, and

air, and when the plumbers began to dig up the floor in the basement I came over here. If they find any of that limberg cheese it will go hard with me. The hired girls have both quit, and me says she is going to break up house-keeping and board. That is just into my hand. I want to board at a hotel, where you can have a bill of fare, and toothpicks, and billiards, and everything. Well, I guess I will go over to the house and stand at the back door they would find the sewer gas and warm my jacket. Say, do you think it is right, when anything smells awfully, to always lay it to a boy?"

The house and stand at the back door and listen to the mocking bird. If you see me come flying out of the alley with my coat tail full of boots, you can bet they have discovered the sewer gas."

Moonstruck.

"The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night." This beautiful verse expresses the belief, common in ancient days, that the moon exercises a baleful influence upon those exposed to her direct rays. In modern times the perniciousness of the moon has been doubted and even denied. But whatever the influence of the moon in the temperate zones, within the tropics it is very injurious to sleep exposed to its rays, especially when at the full. On a voyage to the antipodes, when near the line, a Maltese sailor, who was a most comical fellow, slept for some hours on the boom with his face toward the full moon. On waking in the morning the muscles on the right side of his face were contracted, so that every attempt to speak was attended with the most ludicrous contortions. Feeling sure that something was seriously wrong, he spoke to a sailor, who supposing that as usual he was at his old tricks, burst out into laughter. Off he went to another, with exactly the same result. The poor fellow now got into a rage, thereby adding not a little to the ludicrousness of the scene. After awhile the truth dawned upon the captain and officers of the ves-The doctor gave him some medicine, the muscles gradually relaxed, and in the course of a week our Maltese friend was well again. Some five or six years ago, when going from Tahiti to Mangia, a little boy of mine, in perfect health, was thoughtlessly placed by his nurse in his berth, the slanting beams of the moon falling on his face. Next morning he was feverish and ill, and it was two or three days before he was himself again. On the island of Aitqtaki a native woman was watching night after night for the return of her husband from the island of Atlu. While doing so one night she fell asleep, the moon's rays pouring upon her face. Upon awakening she feltill, and her eyes were drawn on one side. Considerable interest was felt by the Islanders in her case. Eventually, however, her eyes were restored. These facts illustrate the injury done to human beings by stranger from Racine, who belongs to our church, and he looked at ma sort of queer, and after the minister prayed, from this cause. It is well known howfrom this cause. It is well known, however, in tropical countries, that the moon's rays occasion the rapid decomposition of flesh and fish. A number of bonitas having been caught one even have been also b the spoil was hung up in the rigging of the ship, and was thus exposed to the moon through the night. Next morning it was cooked for breakfast. Symptoms of poisoning were soon exhibited by all who partook of it—their heads swelling to a great size, etc. Emetics were promptly administered. ning near the line by a friend of mine, swelling to a great size, etc. Emetics were promptly administered, and happily no one died. The natives of the South Pacific are careful never to expose fish (a constant article of diet in many islands) to the moon's rays by any chance. They often sleep by the seashore fishing, but never with the face uncovered. Aboriginals of Australia do the same as well as they can with their fishing nets, etc. A fire answers the same purpose. May not the injurious influence of the moon, in addition to her beauty and utility, account for the almost universal worship of that orb throughout the heathen world?-Sunday at Home.

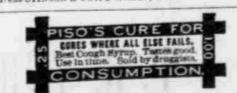
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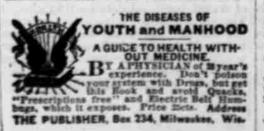
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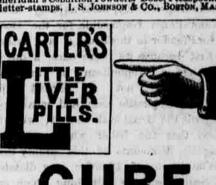
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